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1. Eleventh preambular paragraph

The paragraph *should read*

Mindful that domestic legal and administrative provisions and their application should facilitate, promote and protect an independent, open, transparent, responsible, diverse and pluralistic civil society, and in this regard strongly rejecting all threats, attacks, reprisals and acts of intimidation against civil society actors, and underscoring that States should investigate any such alleged acts, ensure accountability and effective remedies, and take steps to prevent any further such threats, attacks, reprisals or acts of intimidation,

2. Fourteenth preambular paragraph

The paragraph *should read*

Reaffirming that special emphasis should be given to measures to assist in the strengthening of a pluralistic, open, transparent and responsible civil society, including through the strengthening of the rule of law, social and economic development, the promotion of the right to freedom of expression, online and offline, including artistic expression and creativity, access to information, the rights of peaceful assembly and freedom of association, including soliciting, receiving and utilizing resources in a legal and transparent manner, and the administration of justice, and to the real and effective participation of the people in the decision-making processes,

3. Paragraph 1

The paragraph *should read*

1. *Emphasizes* that creating and maintaining a safe and enabling environment in which civil society can operate in an open, transparent and responsible manner, free from hindrance and insecurity, assists States in fulfilling their existing international human rights obligations and commitments, without which equality, accountability and the rule of law are severely weakened, with implications at the national, regional and international levels;

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4. Paragraph 4

The paragraph *should read*

4 *Urges* States to create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and enabling environment in which civil society can operate free from hindrance and insecurity, in an open, transparent and responsible manner, in accordance with their founding mandates;

5. Paragraph 7

The paragraph *should read*

7. *Urges* States to ensure access to justice and accountability, and to end impunity for human rights violations and abuses against civil society actors, including by putting in place, and where necessary reviewing and amending, relevant laws, policies, institutions and mechanisms to create and maintain a safe and enabling environment in which civil society can operate in an open, transparent and responsible manner, free from hindrance, insecurity and reprisals;